

RemarksFormalities*Claim Status*

Claims 1-20 have been canceled. Claims 21-36 are now pending in the application.

Rejections

Claims 1-10 were rejected as failing to comply with the written description requirement as set forth in 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Thus, the Office suggests that the claims are not entitled to the filing dates of their parent applications. Since the subject application has not been afforded the benefit of such filing dates, the target patent, U.S. Patent No. 6,487,301 ("the Zhao patent"), is used to anticipate the claims. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Copied Claims Canceled:

Original claims 1-10 were copied from or substantially similar to claims 1-4 and 6-11 of the Zhao patent. These claims have been canceled herein without prejudice or forfeiture of the recited subject matter. Indeed, we reserve our right to present these and similar claims in one or more continuing applications. We also expressly traverse the outstanding written description rejection. We respectfully submit that claims 1-10 find ample written description support (as well as support for the other 35 U.S.C. 112 requirements) throughout our application and parent applications.¹ We have merely decided to pursue alternative aspects of the invention at this time.

Specification Amendments:

The specification has been amended to change both the title and abstract. These changes are made to conform even more closely to the current claims. A Revised

¹ We note the Examiner's comments on page 5, lines 11-12, that many of the claim limitations are obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of applicant's specification.

Application Data Sheet is transmitted herewith and notes the change to the title.
Favorable consideration is requested.

Support for Claims

We respectfully submit that the amended and newly presented claims are supported by the parent applications, and are entitled to at least an August 1995 filing date. The below specification tables are not meant to be limiting, but are provided by way of example. The following tables are not all inclusive, as additional support can be found throughout the application. And, of course, many other examples and implementations will fall within the scope of the current claims.

Claims 21 and 29

Please consider the following features of claims 21 and 29, relative to their corresponding specification support.

Table 1: Portions of Claim 21

A method of authenticating an identification document, wherein the identification document comprises a photographic image of an authorized bearer of the document and a machine-readable code, said method comprising:	See, e.g., Fig. 27; see also page 71, lines 9-11 and 20-23 and page 72, lines 8-14.
obtaining data representing the machine-readable code, wherein the machine-readable code comprises:	See, e.g., page 71, lines 20-23 and page 72, lines 8-14.
a first portion including information corresponding the authorized bearer of the document,	See, e.g., page 72, lines 8-9; and see Fig. 27 (e.g., “name” and “address”).
and a second portion including information corresponding to a jurisdiction or issuer that issued the identification document; and	See, e.g., page 71, lines 9-11, page 72, lines 8-9 and Fig. 27 (e.g., “citizenship”).

determining authenticity of the identification document with reference to at least the first portion and the second portion.	See, e.g., page 71, lines 20-23, page 72, lines 8-9 (“...redundant with, the readable information”) and page 72, lines 9-14.
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Table 2: Portions of Claim 29

A method of providing an identification document comprising:	See, e.g., Fig. 27; see also page 71, lines 9-11 and 20-23 and page 72, lines 8-14.
providing a photographic image of an authorized bearer of the document on a document surface; and	See, e.g., Fig. 27; see also page 71, lines 20-23
providing a machine-readable code on the identification document, wherein the machine-readable code comprises:	See, e.g., page 71, lines 20-23 and page 72, lines 8-14.
a first portion including information corresponding the authorized bearer of the document, and	See, e.g., page 72, lines 8-9; and see Fig. 27 (e.g., “name” and “address”).
a second portion including information corresponding to a jurisdiction or issuer that issued the identification document;	See, e.g., page 71, lines 9-11, page 72, lines 8-9 and Fig. 27 (e.g., “citizenship”).
whereby authenticity of the identification document is determined with reference to at least the first portion and the second portion.	See, e.g., page 71, lines 20-23, page 72, lines 8-9 (“...redundant with, the readable information”) and page 72, lines 9-14.

We respectfully submit that the present application is entitled to at least an August 1995 filing date, and we request that the Zhao patent be removed as a reference.

Remaining Claims

The remaining claims are also believed to find support in the application as filed at least in August 1995. Some of these remaining claims find support by way of analogy to the examples discussed above.

Information Disclosure Statement:

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith. Consideration of the information disclosed therein is respectfully requested.

Conclusion:

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Nevertheless, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned with any questions.

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Respectfully submitted,

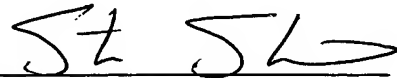
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